

200,000 parents receive AF pins

Master Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Your Guardians of Freedom, the Air Force’s grass-roots outreach information and recognition program, has touched the lives of more than 200,000 parents of airmen, a Pentagon official has announced.

The program began in 2002 as a way for Air Force leaders to personally recognize the employers of reservists and guardsmen who were called to active duty to support operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom. Employers who were nominated by their air-men employees received lapel pins emblazoned with the Air Force logo and the letter “E,” and a personal letter signed by the Air Force’s senior leaders.

The recognition program expanded in May to include parents. Nominated parents received a letter and lapel pin with the letter “P.” All active-duty, Air National Guard and Reserve airmen may participate in the program, officials said.

About 110,000 of the nearly 590,000 uniformed airmen have nominated their parents for recognition, according to Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, program director.

“That’s a huge number,” he said. “We’ve gotten an exceptional reaction to the program from the individual airmen and incredibly emotional responses from their parents when they’ve received their letters and pins.”

The general said the program was so well received in its first few days that technical overload initially hampered the project.

“There was such an onslaught of people signing up, so we had some problems,” he said. “We jammed the Web site to where it was virtually impossible to get in.”

The program also endured a short-lived identity problem, where some airmen mistakenly thought the program was a fraud because of its dot-com Web address.

“We are ‘non-standard’ in many ways,” General Tonini said. “The standard Web sites people in the military are used to dealing with for official business is dot-mil, and we’re dot-com.

“A lot of people thought this was a hoax, so we had to throw water on that fire quickly. This program has both the endorsement and full support of the secretary and chief of staff.”

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2nd Lt. Jennifer Moore

Travelin’ Tweet

DynCorp and Burkhalter Rigging workers fasten “The Spirit of Columbus,” a T-37 Tweet, to its new home at the intersection of Highways 45 and 82 in downtown Columbus. An early morning crowd watched the transfer of the jet Thursday. The Tweet will be dedicated at a later date with Gen. Doc Fogle song, former Columbus AFB wing commander, as a special guest.

New skate park opens rails, ramps

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

The youth center opened a skate park to Columbus AFB families during a ceremony Thursday.

Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, Air Education and Training Command 19th Air Force commander, and Col. Steve Schmidt, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, cut the ribbon to officially open the park.

Professional skater Eric Sibley attended the event and provided a demonstration. He also provided safety tips and a short skating clinic.

About 10 youth and adults pre-registered to use the park on opening day.

“I registered because I wanted the opportunity to have a place to skate,” said Fernando Orrego, 14. “I’m happy I can finally skate without worrying about whether I’m grinding up my board or ruining government property.”

Colonel Schmidt and Col. Jim Playford, 14th Mission Support Group commander, provided the idea, inspiration and facilitated funding for the park, said Louella Anderson, 14th Services Division chief.

The entire BLAZE team, including contracting, civil engineering and ser-

vices worked diligently to deliver this customer-driven program to the community.

“Our major focus is now on the safety of our users,” Ms. Anderson said. “The safety factor will ultimately determine the success of this initiative.”

People who want to use the skate park must pre-register at the youth center during normal operating hours.

Youth center staff will brief skaters on safety rules and gear and issue skate badges which must be worn at all times while skating.

For more information, call Ext. 2504.

‘Red Riding Hood’ travels through youth center

Senior Airman Amanda Mills
Public affairs

About 40 children put a week of theatrical training to work for family and friends Saturday at the youth center.

The children sang, hopped and tried to “stay on the trail” at the Missoula Children’s Theater’s musical production of “Red Riding Hood.”

They practiced hard the entire week before the play, rehearsing with theater performers Mary Sutherland and Janet O’Hare. Two participants were even given the opportunity to assist with directing the performance.

“I had a lot of fun practicing my lines,” said Marissa Kendrick, 9, who played as part of the wolfpack. “My favorite part was the rehearsal when we put our makeup on and got to see our costumes. Some parts of practice were difficult, but it was still fun.”

“I played a raccoon and got to steal [Red Riding Hood’s] basket,” said Christian Nichols, 6.

“It was a lot of fun.”

The Air Force sponsored the MCT performances at Columbus AFB and other installations again this year.

“We found out in March they were coming here again this year, and were very excited,” said Terri Graves, school-age program coordinator. “MCT is a great program. It provides an opportunity for children from kindergarten to 12th grade to come together and perform. We hope to get them back next year.”

Parents are pleased with the MCT as well.

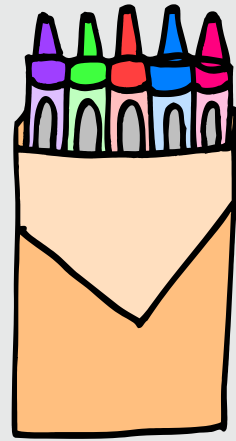
“The children’s performance was great, and I was really impressed with how quickly they learned their lines,” said Staff Sgt. Jocelyn Bennett, 14th Comptroller Flight and step-mother of Alicia, 6, who played a raccoon. “I was glad this gave Alicia the chance to interact with a wider age range than usual, and learning her parts helped increase her memory skills. She also made some great new friends.”



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Mary Sutherland, “Big Bad Wolf,” talks to Erika McCollor, “Red Riding Hood,” during the play.

National Kids Day



The youth center hosts National Kids Day events Aug. 2. The day begins with a family fun run or walk at 7:30 a.m. and will continue with games, an awards presentation and a barbecue. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

International student spotlight

From: Lucrezia, Italy

What aircraft will you fly:
Italian Tornado

“What do you like about Columbus?:” “It’s a very quiet and relaxing place — good place to study. I asked to come to Columbus and am happy I did. It’s a great experience.”

What do you miss about home?: “I miss my wife and the

food. I also miss the weather — it’s much too hot here for me. I miss the mountains and winter sports. I am a mountaineer and miss the climbing.”



Italian Tornado



1st Lt. Verner Rosati
Italian Air Force

‘101 Critical Days’ tip

If you are threatened by a dog or hostile animal, the American Red Cross recommends that you stand still, then back away slowly. To avoid further provocation, do not run, yell, make gestures, kick or strike the animal.

NEWS BRIEFS

Office closure

The 14th Flying Training Wing Legal Office closes every other Friday at 1:30 p.m. starting today. For more information, call Ext. 7031.

School information

School starts Aug. 7. Calendars and information on school uniforms are available at the family support center. Pre-registration for Columbus schools is Wednesday and Thursday. Additional information on registrations and policies is available at www.columbusci-schools.org. A town hall meeting for parents with children attending the Columbus Municipal School District is at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 4 at the theater. For more information, call Ext. 2790.

Visual information requests

The AF Form 833, Work Request for Visual Information Services, (still photography, graphic arts, video support and presentations support) is available on the electronic forms program under Air Force Forms. Customers should print out their work requests at their desktop and deliver the work request to the VI customer service desk. The VI center no longer provides blank forms for the customers use. For more information, call Ext. 7599.

Base decals

The base decals have arrived at 14th Security Forces Squadron Pass and Registration. Anyone needing a decal can come by the pass and registration in Room 106 of Building 926 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Everyone is reminded to bring their state registration and current proof of insurance. For more information, call Ext. 7133.

PINS

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General Tonini brought a network administrator, Senior Master Sgt. Jack Gruber, California ANG, to his team to work out the technical issues, and it has been smoother sailing ever since, he said. Gruber's responsibilities can be really daunting; the site was, for a time, one of the 300 busiest Web sites in the world. "The site has had more than 29 million hits," General Tonini said. "That's pretty staggering. We're working with new technology — we're one of the first Air Force sites to use 'dot-net,' which is an Internet operating system that is very leading-edge." A team of six people works the program, managing the technology and "customer service" liaison between the airmen who request pins and the parents who receive them — as well as the thousands of letters and pins sent to employers.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Tops in Blue 2003 performs a new show for about 1,300 people at the Rent-Whitfield Auditorium July 18.

50-year Tops in Blue tradition continues

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Public affairs

Air Force Tops in Blue 2003 performers entertained Columbus people July 18 at the Mississippi University for Women's Rent-Whitfield Auditorium. About 1,300 people watched 35 "expeditionary entertainers" light up the stage during Tops in Blue's "50 years — Soaring With Eagles" 2003 world tour visit. "[Columbus AFB] personnel and the local community enjoyed the best Tops In Blue entertainment I've seen in my 22 years of civil service," said Louella Anderson, 14th Services Division chief. "The 50th Anniversary performance encompassed music and events from the 1930s to 2003 and we were honored to host this milestone event." This year's show included country and big band selections, hits from each decade as well as patriotic tunes.

Columbus was one stop on the new tour, which hits about 38 states and 32 overseas locations. "I thought [the show] was great — probably the best show yet," said 1st Lt. Lauren Maher-Dycus, 14th Flying Training Wing protocol officer. "I liked the different acts from the different decades, and they all were very diverse. I was also very impressed with the shape [the performers] were in and how they just kept going." "The show was phenomenal — absolutely phenomenal," said Rachel Kasic, 14th SD services marketing. Tops in Blue performers tour on permissive TDY for one year. They are selected at base talent contests and move on to higher levels of competition, resulting in an elite group of talented entertainers. For more information on Tops in Blue, visit www.topsinblue.com.

The program will soon inform family members, employers and community leaders during times of military deployment, General Tonini said. "The overall YGOF program will be tied to air and space expeditionary force deployment schedules," he said. "When people are scheduled to deploy, we will press very hard to make sure they have the communications and outreach support they need in order to be successful. "In its broadest terms, it's an outreach program," General Tonini said. "The message we give is, we consider each of the constituencies as our partners. We can't do our job without their support. They are full partners in the global war on terror." The work is important because without support from the home front, deployed airmen face a domino effect of issues that may lead to those airmen separating from the

service, General Tonini said. "The program is working and it does what we were looking for it to do," General Tonini said. "We know there are parents out there who proudly wear the pin to church, the store or meetings, and every other time they have an opportunity to brag on their son or daughter. That represents a swelling support for the work of the Air Force all over the world." Airmen may request up to two parent pins and letters to be sent to either their parents or people they view as parental figures, General Tonini said. To participate in the program, visit www.yourguardiansoffreedom.com. "Everyone has someone they want to recognize," he said. "The person who gets the pin will feel an amazing attachment to the work you do." (Courtesy of Air Force News)

Sergeant asks 'How would it feel to save a life?'

Senior Master Sgt. Richard Friend
14th Security Forces Squadron

(Editor's note: Columbus AFB has a bone marrow donor drive from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday at the chapel annex and Phillips Auditorium.) Have you ever wondered how incredible it would feel to save a person's life? I'm not just talking about something like you avoided an accident or you stopped someone and told them to wear their seatbelt. Sure, those things are important and quite possibly could save a life. No, I'm talking about the real deal. It's you doing something — jumping from a bridge into icy water to save a drowning child or pulling an unconscious person from a car or house engulfed in flames. A situation in which you are the only hope or surely the other person will soon die. I've been a cop for more than 20 years now and have been waiting my whole career for that very opportunity. I've always thought I could do it, no matter what the circumstances were; I wanted to be that hero you see on television. Well 18 months ago, I got my chance, and it was nothing like I expected it to be. Nonetheless, it came down to me helping a 9-year-old boy who would soon die from leukemia. When the call came, I had all but forgotten about giving that little sample of blood to get my name registered in the National Bone Marrow Registry during a base drive a

couple years back. It was a simple thing with only a one-in-a-million chance of ever being called, so it faded from my mind. I got the call at work, and they said I was a potential match for an individual and asked if I would be willing to submit more blood samples for further testing. I did and they confirmed I was a match. I was asked if I could fly to Washington, D.C., for a physical examination and a consultation concerning the process. I agreed, and while waiting in the airport, I saw the first plane hit the World Trade center on television. I then boarded a plane for Reagan National Airport in D.C. and off we went. Of course, we didn't get very far that day, as you can imagine. Everything was pushed back a couple of weeks, and I ended up doing the physical locally and consultations over the phone because of the lack of flights. I arrived in October for the procedure. I won't lie to you; I was nervous about doing this as I had never had surgery before. Whenever I started to doubt what I was doing, I would just think about what the boy and his parents were going through. I have an 8-year-old daughter; what if the situation was reversed and a perfect stranger was my child's last hope. How could I not do it? It still would have been easy to back out because they won't share your identity with each other until after a year and then you both have to agree. You can correspond but only through a third party at the marrow center. I had been filled with all the stuff they have to tell you, all

the worst-case scenarios, and I was shocked when it was over. This was the easiest thing I had ever done. I didn't even want to stay the night in the hospital, but it was required. I had no bruising and only two tiny slits in my lower back, as they take the marrow from your pelvic bone in your lower back. You're allowed to bring a family member free of charge and my wife could not go, so they flew my sister to D.C. from Florida. The next morning, I checked out and my sister and I bought an all-day pass on the Tram and toured all of Washington, D.C., on foot and didn't get back to the hotel until about 10 p.m. I never did take any of the pain medication because it really wasn't that bad. I've hurt my back worse just slipping or doing something silly. I flew back home the next day and met the packers for my new assignment to Columbus AFB. I'm not saying everyone has it this easy. There was a little tiredness and a couple of headaches in the week that followed, but in return, I saved a child's life. I didn't need anything else; however, the letter I received from the mother a short time later made me feel like the hero I had always sought to be. I would do it again if I were ever called upon. I would encourage each and every one of you to please give that small sample of blood at the donor drive and get registered. There are many chances to back out if you feel uncomfortable about it later, and no one will ever know. If you happen to be the one-in-a-million who gets a call, maybe you too can experience the feeling of being the only person on earth that can save another person's life.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

The Straight Talk Line is your direct line to the commander for comments and suggestions on how to make Columbus AFB better. Although the Straight Talk Line is always available, the best way to resolve problems is through the chain of command. The Straight Talk Line phone number is 434-7058. Callers should leave their full name and phone number to receive an answer.

All names received are kept confidential. Messages are answered in the Silver Wings without names. Written questions may also be brought to the public affairs office in the wing headquarters building, Bldg. 724. People can also access the Straight Talk program through the Blazeweb at <https://columbusweb> and the main website at www.columbus.af.mil. Questions and answers will be edited for brevity.



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Steps to building financial success

Lt. Col. James Reed
14th Operations Group

Have you taken responsibility for your financial security?
Have you saved some of those hard-earned dollars for tomorrow — your future retirement? How much will you receive in retirement and will it be enough to live on from month to month, year to year?

Where will your retirement dollars come from? How much will you receive from Social Security, your savings and retirement accounts or the organization you plan on working for and retiring from?
Did you know that Americans are renowned as the worst “savers” of money in the world? Ask around, talk to your buddy. Are they contributing monthly dollars toward retirement or racking up credit card bills?
The most likely answer is “no” to saving for retirement and “yes” to racking up credit card bills. I have found this to be true in conversations with my peers throughout my military career.
The sad fact is the majority of our population is not earnestly saving for their future.
No one intends to let the goal of financial security slide. It just happens. We don’t know any better. We weren’t taught smart

Begin saving	Total at age 65	Cost of waiting
Age 19	\$502,111	—
Age 20	\$463,807	\$38,304
Age 25	\$310, 868	—
Age 26	\$286, 729	\$24,139
Age 30	\$206,780	\$104,088

This is how much money can be saved if a person puts away \$100 a month.

money management growing up, and what little we did catch in conversation or read in articles, we truly didn’t understand.
Hang with me for another paragraph or two.
Most people make the same basic financial mistakes and you are probably no different. Most people suffer financially due to lack of financial education, planning and/or procrastination compounded by high credit card debt and the lack of emergency funds. Am I close?
Financial security is not difficult if you have time on your side. Read on.
Your game plan towards financial security should include these five basic steps: do not procrastinate; pay off debts; create and contribute to an emergency fund; create and

contribute to a retirement account (Thrift Savings Plan and Individual Retirement Account); and as more dollars become available, create and contribute to additional investments such as mutual funds.
I did not mention life insurance. It’s another touchy subject but you had better have some life insurance, and Servicemember Group Life Insurance offers a great deal of coverage for a great price. Procrastination is costly.
A review of the graph should give you a better example of the cost of waiting than any words I could write.
Review the table and draw your own conclusions. It would be great to start saving \$100 per month for your future at age 19 and accumulate over \$500,000. The large amount accrued is due to the power of compounding of interest over time.
Notice how waiting only one year to begin investments cost \$38,000 or \$24,000 respectively over the course of time.
The lesson of “procrastination” and the “power of compounding over time” are “get started now to build your investment fortune.”
I only discussed step number one. Please review the five basic steps listed above and use them as your pillars towards financial success.

AT THE CHAPEL

Chapel schedule

Catholic
Sunday activities:
9:15 a.m. — Mass
10:30 a.m. — CCD
5 p.m. — Confessions
5:30 p.m. — Mass
Wednesday
11:30 a.m. — Mass

Protestant
Sunday activities:
9 a.m. — Sunday school
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship
1 p.m. — Contemporary worship

For Islamic, Jewish, Orthodox or other services, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

AT THE MOVIES

All movies are shown at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the theater.

Today
“*Hollywood Homicide*” (PG-13, violence and sexual situations, 116 min.)
Starring: Harrison Ford and Josh Hartnett.

Saturday
“*Rugrats Go Wild*” (PG, mild crude humor, 84 min.)
Animated.

Aug. 1
“*Alex and Emma*” (PG-13, sexual content and some language, 96 min.)
Starring: Luke Wilson and Kate Hudson.

CHANNEL 64

BLAZE 64 offers announcements for people living in base housing or the dormitories.
Call 1st Lt. Richard Blakewood for more information at Ext. 7065.

Weekdays
9 a.m., noon and 2 p.m.
Air Force Television News
Monday through Aug. 1
9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.
College Level Examination Program Tapes:
Social Science

FAMILY SUPPORT



(**Editor’s note:** All activities are offered at the family support center unless otherwise specified. For more information, call Ext. 2790.)

Sponsor training: Sponsor training is at the center at 9 a.m. Tuesday. This training is also available on the Columbus AFB Web site. The power point slide has a printable completion certificate that can be added to training records.

Remote/deployed briefing: Military people who are going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing offered at 9 a.m. Thursdays.

PCS information: PCS moving guides, SITES books and automaps that are helpful when relocating are available at the center.

Discount books: Books full of discounts on hotels in other states, as well as information on many things to do in the local area and the state are available on the center’s walls of information.

Free child care: Arriving and departing active-duty Air Force people can receive up to 20 hours of free child care per child with the Childcare for PCS program. Certificates are available within 60 days of departure or arrival.

BASE NOTES



Clinic closure: Beginning Thursday, the clinic closes at 12:30 p.m. Thursdays for training. Flight medicine and dental sick call is at 7:30 and 11 a.m. Thursdays.

Compost pilot program: This program begins Aug. 5 for 200 new family housing units.
Yard clippings in the new housing area can be placed curbside for pickup before



Senior Airman Nicholas Rivera-Lough

AFSA cleanup

Master Sgt. Andrew McClinton, 14th Communications Squadron, spray paints a chair at the Air Force Sergeant’s Association camp cleanup at Camp Henry Pratt for children with cancer July 12. There were about 10 volunteers at the event.

7:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Compost made from the clippings will be given to housing residents. For more information, call Ext. 7406.

Officers spouses club: An officers spouses club membership drive and special activities social begins at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 12. Menu is heavy hors d’oeuvres and cost is \$8 for Columbus Club members or \$10 for non-club members.
New members are welcome. Reservations should be made by Aug. 5 by calling 434-8723 or e-mailing air tex60@yahoo.com.

Medical group closed: The 14th Medical Group closes from noon to 5 p.m. Aug. 8 for an official function.
Active-duty flyer sick call hours are at 7:30 and 11 a.m. this day only.
The health and wellness center closes from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 2235 or 2236.

Thrift shop: The thrift shop is now open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays in Bldg. 345 beside the youth center. For more information, call 434-2954.

Fitness assessment: Fitness examinations as part of a physical health assessments at the health and wellness center are available on a walk-in basis from 7 to 8 a.m. Retests are available from 8 to 9 a.m. Appointments are at other times during normal duty hours from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

The center is closed holidays and official down days.
For more information or to schedule and appointment for shift workers, please call Ext. 2477.

CLEP exams: The following College Level Examination Program exams are no longer available for testing at the education center: Humanities (04910 and 04928), General Chemistry (26107), College Level German (75027), General Biology (18074), Western Civilization I & II (65048 and 66052).
The CLEPs are available at MSU for \$56 for everyone and aren’t reimbursable for military people. There are other CLEPs, which can still satisfy requirements for Community College of the Air Force degree in these areas. For more information, call Ext. 2562.



T-1A Jayhawk

U.S. Air Force photo

SUPT Class 03-12 earns silver wings



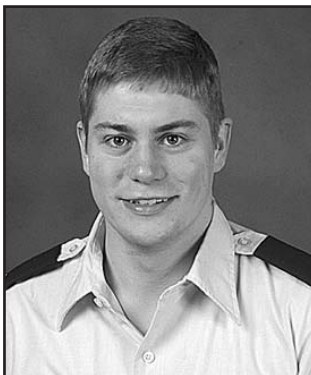
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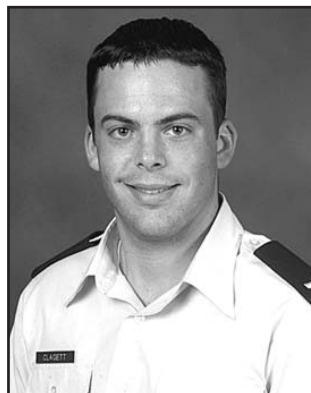
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T-38, Columbus AFB, Miss.



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Marina, Calif.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Cory Clagett
New Baden, Ill.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 03-12 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

Twenty-two officers have prevailed during a year of training, earning the right to be an Air Force pilot.

The graduation speaker is Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, 19th Air Force commander at Randolph AFB, Texas.

General Sandstrom is responsible for the day-to-day training of approximately 2,000 U.S. and allied students. The students range from entry-level flying training through advanced combat crew training, and ultimately become fully qualified, aircrew personnel for the warfighting commands. Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Charles Frey, T-38, and Ross Larson, T-1A, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their classes.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lts. Cory Clagett, T-1A, and Bryan Dalton, T-38. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Lieutenants Clagett, Frey and Larson were named distinguished graduates.

The 52-week pilot training program begins with a six-week preflight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Some complete this phase in the single-engine, turboprop

T-6A Texan 2 at Moody AFB, Ga. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track.

Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

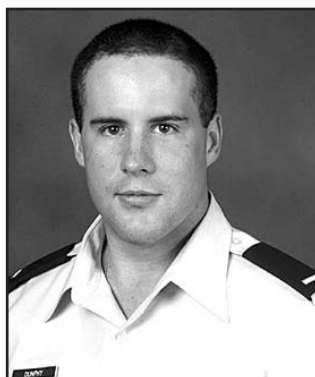
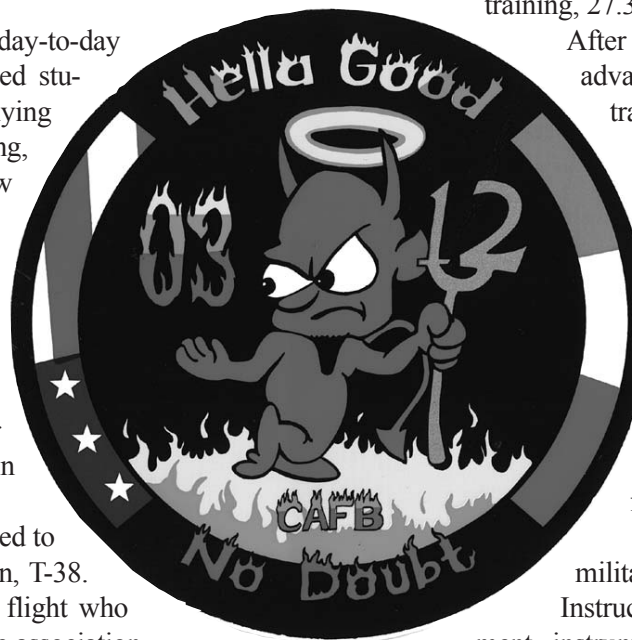
Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet.

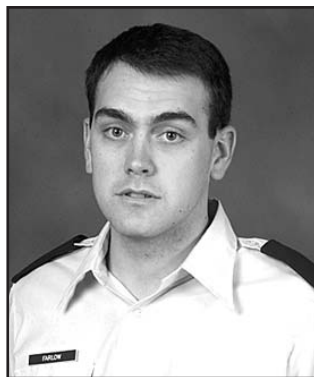
Instruction centers on crew coordination and management, instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours.

The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.

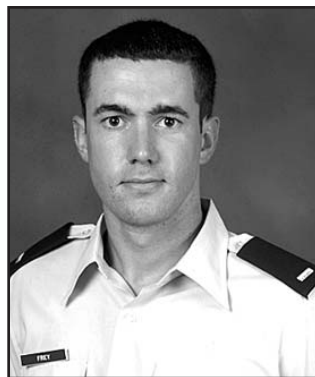
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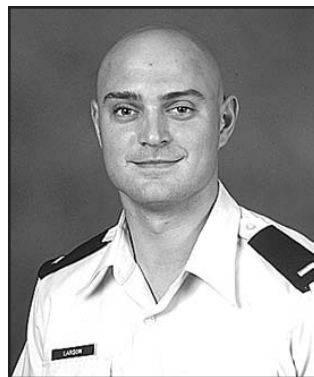
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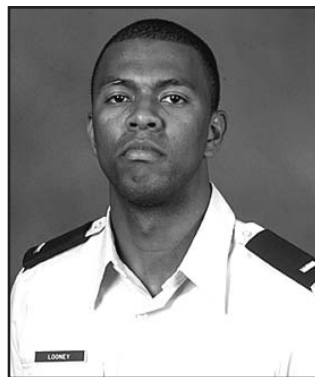
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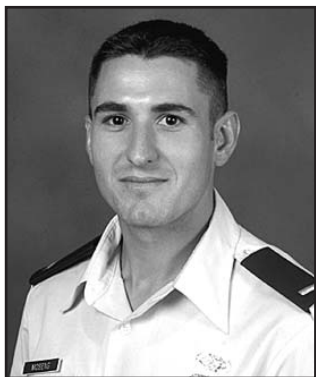
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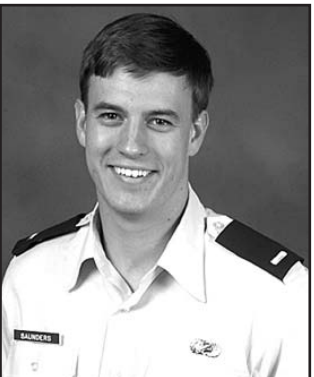
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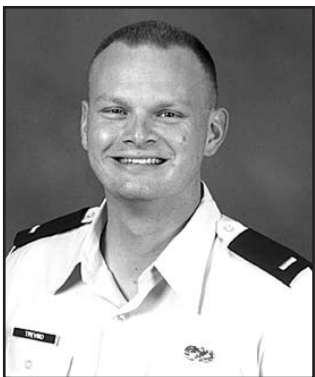
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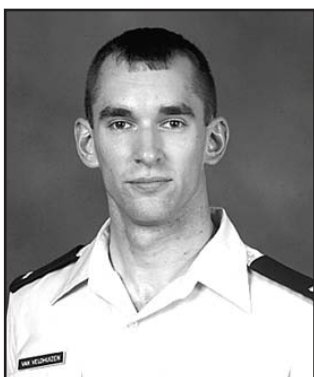
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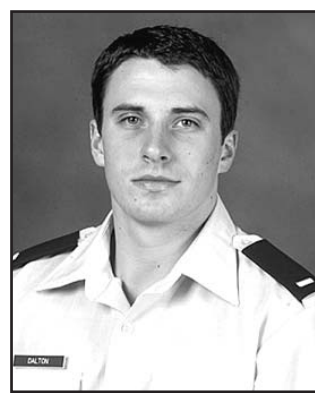
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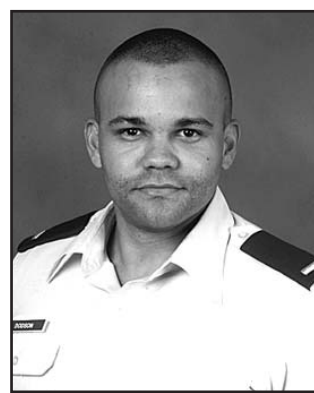
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F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.



2nd Lt. Derrick Dodson
Summerville, S.C.
C-17, McChord AFB, Wash.

Services puts ‘fun’ into summer months



Athena Brimer

Hungry swimmers

Monica Mitchell, junior lifeguard, buys a slushee and a hamburger from Brenda Lowry, food service worker, at the Independence Pool. The grill offers hamburgers, hot dogs and slushes and is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. For more information about Independence Pool activities, call Ext. 2491.

Youth trip to Liberty Land: The youth center offers this trip Wednesday. The bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. and will leave Memphis, Tenn. at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes transportation and ticket to theme park. Register by today at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

All ranks bingo: Games begin at 6 p.m. Fridays in the community center ballroom. People play five \$75 regular games, one \$125 odd and even coverall game and a \$1,000 progressive jackpot game. Consolation prize is \$150 if the jackpot does not go in 62 numbers or less. Admission fees for nonmembers are \$5. Payout is based on a minimum number of players. Call Ext. 2489.

Ala carte menu: The Columbus Club features an ala carte menu for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Ext. 2489.

Silver Star Casino Trip: Information, ticket and travel offers a trip to the Silver Star Casino today.

The cost is \$15 and includes transportation and \$15 in coins.

The bus leaves from the community

center parking lot at 5:30 p.m. The next trip is Aug. 15. Call Ext 7861.

Sunday brunch: The Columbus Club offers this special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Cost is \$10.95 with club members receiving a \$2 discount. Call Ext. 2489.

National Kids Day: The youth center offers a family fun run-walk starting at 8 a.m. Aug. 2 followed by a barbecue and other activities from 10 a.m. to noon.

The first 35 family members to register by Monday will receive a free T-shirt. Call Ext. 2504.

Crafts classes: The skills development center offers youth and adult crafts classes. The adult classes include making a welcome sign Aug. 5, a USA sign Aug. 12, a fabric covered box Aug. 19 and a mosaic covered box Aug. 26.

The youth classes include making a butterfly using film canisters Aug. 6, a carry all can, Aug. 13, flower magnets Aug. 20 and spoon snakes Aug. 27.

Register at least four days in advance to ensure all supplies are available. Call Ext. 7836.

Sign language classes: A certified instructor teaches techniques in sign language at a one-hour class per week.

Class I is for ages 6 to 10 and Class II is for ages 11 and older. Cost is \$40 per month. Call Ext. 2504.

Back to school swim party: The youth center offers this program from 7 to 10 p.m. Aug. 9.

There will be music, food and games during the event.

Cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for non-members. Register by Aug. 9 at the youth center. Call Ext. 2504.

Bowler appreciation week: The bowling center offers specials on bowling as well in the snack bar the week of Aug. 3 to Aug. 9.

Anytime the snack bar is open hamburgers or hot dogs are \$1 each.

The center also offers a special on bowling — \$1 before 5 p.m. and \$1.25 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Biloxi casino trip: The information, ticket and travel office offers this trip Aug. 9.

Cost is \$95 per person and includes one night’s lodging and transportation. Call Ext. 7861.

White water rafting trip: Travel down the Ocoee River Aug. 23 to Aug. 25.

Cost is \$125 per person and includes two meals, two nights lodging, transportation, guide service and river run.

Call the information, ticket and travel office at Ext. 7861 to register.

Pet sitters needed: Anyone interested in providing pet care in their home can call Ext. 2387.

Youth center bingo: The youth center offers an all members bingo at 6 p.m. Aug. 15.

Playing five regular games and one coverall game.

Win great prizes. Members play free and all others pay \$1 to play. Call Ext. 2504.

Family child care providers needed: Anyone interested in providing child care in their home on base should call the family child care office at Ext. 2486.

The family child care program accepts children, staff members and approved providers with chronic health problems. Providers may participate in the United

States Department of Agriculture food program.

Military discounts: Several companies are offering military discounts. Discounts apply to rental cars, airline tickets, hotels, cruise lines, theme park tickets and resorts. Call the information, ticket and travel office at Ext. 7861 or visit www.aftravelonline.com.

Club membership night: This event is Aug. 20 at the Columbus Club. The theme is a Hawaiian Luau and the pool has been reserved for the event. There will be free food, drinks and live entertainment. This event will kick off the 2003 “Travel the World On Us” Air Force Club Membership campaign. More to follow. Call Ext. 2489.

Cake decorating classes: The skills development center is registering people for upcoming cake decorating classes. Dates and times depends on the students’ desires. Call Ext. 7836.

*Sign up to be a
club member and enter
to win great prizes!
Program runs
Aug. 18 to Oct. 31*

*Travel the World on Us
Coming Soon!*



*Current club members
automatically entered.
For more information,
call Ext. 2489.*

**Check out the Services website
at
www.cafbgrapevine.com**

Columbus tour: The Columbus Historic Foundation sponsors a historic bus tour of Columbus Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sept. 6.

All tours leave at 9 a.m. from the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center at 300 Main Street.

The tour includes homes, churches, cemeteries and historic roadways in the three districts of Columbus on the National Register of Historic Places.

Cost is \$10 per person, which includes lunch at the Backdoor Restaurant.

Souvenir tickets are available at the Tennessee Williams Welcome Center. For more information, call 329-5300 or (800) 920-3533.

Gospel night: Friday Nite Gospel Sing at the

Princess Theater begins at 7 p.m. Aug. 1.

The event features different local talent each month. It is sponsored by the McAdams Quartet.

Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 328-5016.

Dance Xpress Day Camp: This dance camp for fourth through sixth graders is from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Rosenzweig Arts Center in Columbus.

Students learn dance routines from New Hope High School’s award-winning dance team.

Hip hop, jazz and modern dance styles are all explored. Cost is \$35 per student. For more information, call 328-2787.

Comedy night: The Princess Theatre features a comedy night from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Aug. 23. James Logan is the comedian.

Admission is \$4 per person. For more information, call 327-6789.

New Dallas flight: Early morning non-stop jet service to Dallas/Ft. Worth is now available from Golden Triangle Regional Airport.

The flight departs at 8 a.m. daily with a return flight in the evening.

GTRA has daily jet services to Atlanta as well. For best prices, reserve early.

For reservations, call (800) 221-1212 or book online at www.delta.com.

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not resubmit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

Type of advertisement (circle one): Home Transportation Miscellaneous Yard sales Pets

Print advertisement: _____

Name: _____

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Please let us know what you think of the Silver Wings:

Are you happy with the Silver Wings? Yes ☐ No ☐

What would you like to see more of in the newspaper? News ☐ Sports ☐ Photos ☐

If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.



1st Lt. Joseph Coslett

Lifting weights

Brandon Johnson, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron, lifts weights at the fitness and sports center. The center offers personal trainers who can help people reach their goals. For more information, call Ext. 2772.

Softball standings

The following are the intramural standings as of Wednesday.

Teams	Wins	Losses
DynCorp	11	1
14th OSS #1	6	1
50th FTS #1	5	1
14th CES #1	8	2
50th FTS #2	4	2
48th FTS	4	3
43rd FTS	3	3
14th MSS	4	6
14th SFS	4	7
14th CS	3	6
14th MDG	3	7
14th CES #2	2	8
37th/41st FTS	1	5
14th OSS #2	1	7



Horsemanship lessons

These lessons are now offered on the base for riders of all ages and abilities. Horsemanship is the art of working with horses. Flying M EZ Riders offers opportunities for the beginning or advanced rider, those wishing to learn "the basics," riders with disabilities or those wanting to relax on a trail ride. Flying M EZ Riders provides a lesson horse and materials. Cost ranges from \$8.50 to \$17 per person for 30-minute sessions depending on individual or group lessons. Call 434-6627.



SHORTS

Youth flag football

Registration for youth flag football ends Thursday and the season begins Aug. 11. The sport is open to ages 5 and up. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2504 or 2903.

Fall bowling leagues

Registration for the fall bowling leagues begins Aug. 1. Leagues available are: the Tuesday night mixed, Wednesday night couples, Thursday night intramurals, Monday night and Tuesday morning ladies. Call Ext. 2426.

Mixed couples golf scramble

This event is Aug. 2 to Aug. 3. Entry is \$50 per person or \$100 per team and includes dinner Aug. 2 plus extras. The field is limited so people should register early. Call Ext. 7932.

Kindergym child care

People with children and a workout partner can come to the fitness and sports center from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Workout partners take turns watching the children. Call Ext. 2773.

Karate

Tae Kwon Do classes for ages 5 and older are from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the youth center. Cost is \$40 per month. Call Ext. 2504.

Family bowling night

The bowling center offers a family special from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays. Call Ext. 2426.

Fitness 101

People who want to get in shape but aren't sure how to use all the fitness and sports center's machines can schedule a Fitness 101 class.

The center shows the person how to find his or her target heart rate and to use all of the equipment. Classes are by appointment only. For more information or to book an appointment, call Ext. 2772.

Aerobics classes

Aerobics classes ranging from beginning step, kickboxing, spinning and yoga are offered every week at the fitness and sports center. For more information, call the Ext. 2772.